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ENJOY!

THE ROSE EMBROIDERY DYED WITH MY BLOOD WAS ALSO COMPLETELY HIDDEN IN MY PITCH-BLACK LACE.
EVEN IF HER TEARS FELL, HER PURE WHITE VEIL WOULDN'T BE STAINED.
クスクス
…
BUT SOMETIMES, I REMEMBER IT...
EPITAPH
エピタフ
DO YOU SWEAR?
YES, I DO....
硝音あやが放つ!! 衝撃新連載スタート
TILL DEATH DO US PART...
死が二人を分かつまで——

生と死を分かち そして繋ぐ
DIVIDED AND CONNECTED BY LIFE AND DEATH

EPITAPH
エピタフ

Letter 1.

光まとう死天使
ANGELS OF DEATH, ENVELOPED IN LIGHT

運ぶのは闇夜からの遺言（メッセージ）
CARRYING A MESSAGE FROM THE DARKNESS

伝えられなかった言葉たち――
THOSE WORDS THEY WERE UNABLE TO CONVEY...

大型新連載!!
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白と黒の天使
ANGELS OF WHITE AND BLACK

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実在の人物、団体、事件等とは
いっさい関係ありません。

WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?
HERE
THANK YOU!
AH...
SHH! DON'T LOOK!
AH...

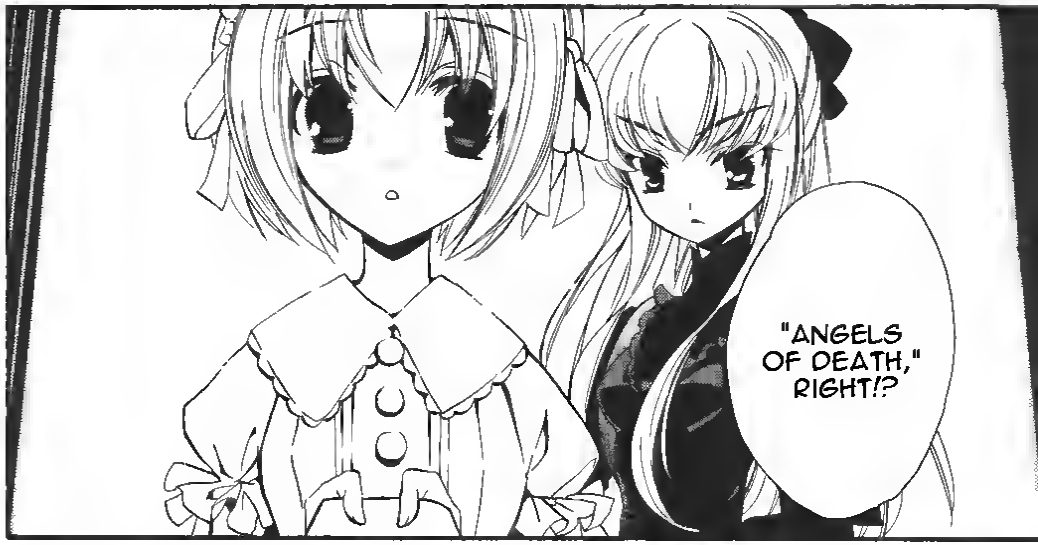
IT'S NOT AN OMEN...
EXCUSE ME...

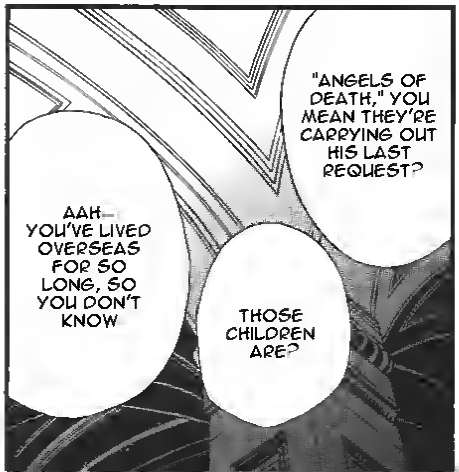
WE'VE COME FROM THE CRADLE LAST TRUST...

MY CONDOL-ENCES FOR YOUR LOSS...
...M-...
HERE.
IT'S A LETTER TO THE "WIFE."

THAT APPEA-RANCE! "LAST TRUST," YOU'RE-
AAH...!

...ME?
...


"ANGELS OF DEATH," RIGHT!?


AAH— YOU'VE LIVED OVERSEAS FOR SO LONG, SO YOU DON'T KNOW
THOSE CHILDREN ARE?
"ANGELS OF DEATH," YOU MEAN THEY'RE CARRYING OUT HIS LAST REQUEST?

LIKE HYENAS SWARMING AROUND OUR INHERITANCE, THOSE UNDER-TAKERS.
.....
USING CHILDREN IS BASICALLY CHARITY...
THE LAST TRUST IS A BIG NAME, BUT ACTUALLY,
UM ...
THEY'RE JUST PRIVATE ENFORCERS OF FINAL WISHES.
"LAST WILL,"
YES?
NOW NOW, EVERY-ONE.
YOU'VE SCARED THE LITTLE MISS.
HERE, LET ME SEE IT.

HI-...
DON'T TOUCH HER.

ANOTHER HUGE WAR...
WITH OVER 3,000 CASUALTIES
HUH
.....
HONESTLY, STOP DOING HOMEWORK WHILE YOU WALK.
AWAWA ...

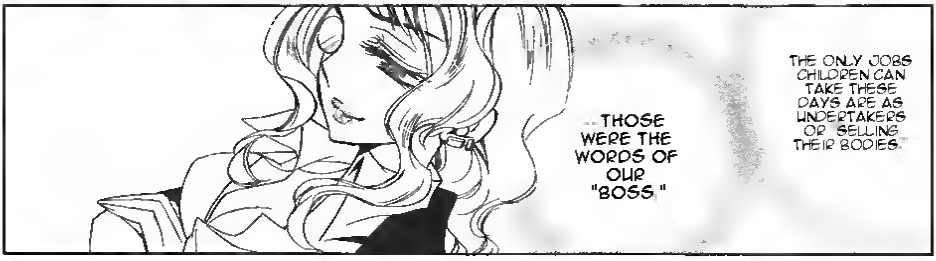
DOING IT LIKE THAT IS A MASSIVE WASTE OF PAPER AND LEAD.
NOT BEAUTIFUL AT ALL.
BUT TODAY...
IF I DON'T HAND IT IN TODAY,
AKAMARU-SENSEI WILL GET MAD AGAIN!

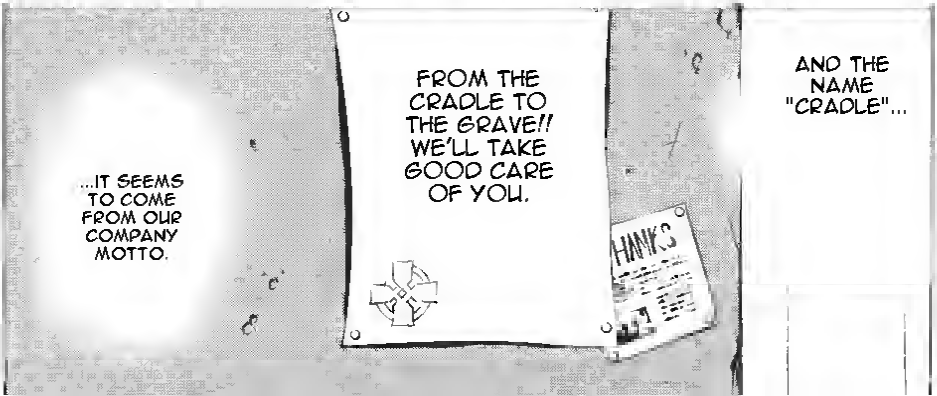
.....
"AKAMARU-SENSEI"?
HE'S SCARY! ALWAYS GIVING RED "X"S,
IF YOU'RE EVEN A MILLISECOND LATE, HE PUNISHES YOU WITH A ZERO!
HE'S NOT AKAMARU, HE'S AKABATSU!

SO THAT'S HIS CALLING CARD...
BUT
YEAH, IT'S REALLY AWFUL!
I THINK YOU ALWAYS GET "X"S BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT THAT SMART, TOWA.
ASCHE~

ANYWAYS,
RATHER THAN STUDYING, ISN'T "WORK" MORE IMPORTANT FOR US?
I'M DEFINITELY GOING TO PAY THIS MONTH'S RENT IN ADVANCE!
AAH~! S- SORRY, WE STILL HAVEN'T PAID FROM TWO MONTHS AGO...
WORK!
BUT BEING PUNI-SHED IS...
B...BECAUSE OF THAT, I'M GOING TO STUDY HARD FROM NOW ON...
ME AND ASCHE... ASTARTE...

...HAVE A JOB WITH THE SCARY NAME "ANGELS OF DEATH."
WE'VE COME FROM THE CRADLE LAST TRUST...
SO-CALLED "UNDER-TAKERS."


...THOSE WERE THE WORDS OF OUR "BOSS."
THE ONLY JOBS CHILDREN CAN TAKE THESE DAYS ARE AS UNDERTAKERS OR SELLING THEIR BODIES.


...IT SEEMS TO COME FROM OUR COMPANY MOTTO.
FROM THE CRADLE TO THE GRAVE!! WE'LL TAKE GOOD CARE OF YOU.
HANKS
AND THE NAME "CRADLE"...

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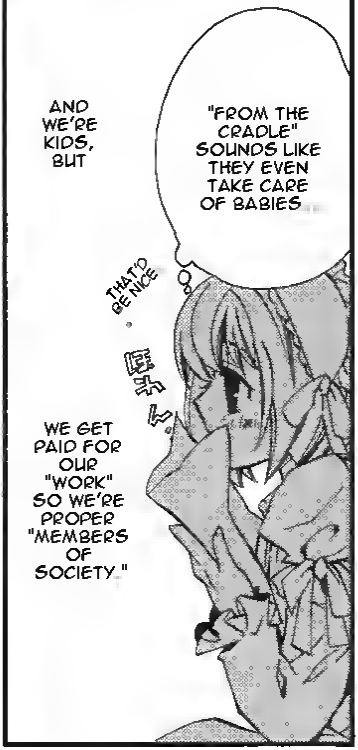
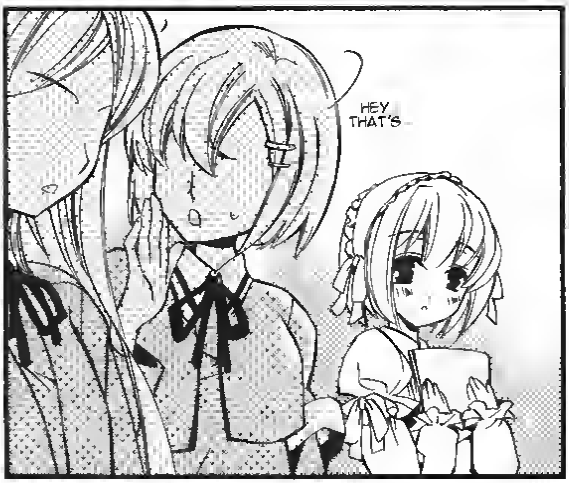

"FROM THE CRADLE" SOUNDS LIKE THEY EVEN TAKE CARE OF BABIES...
THAT'D BE NICE
AND WE'RE KIDS, BUT
WE GET PAID FOR OUR "WORK" SO WE'RE PROPER "MEMBERS OF SOCIETY."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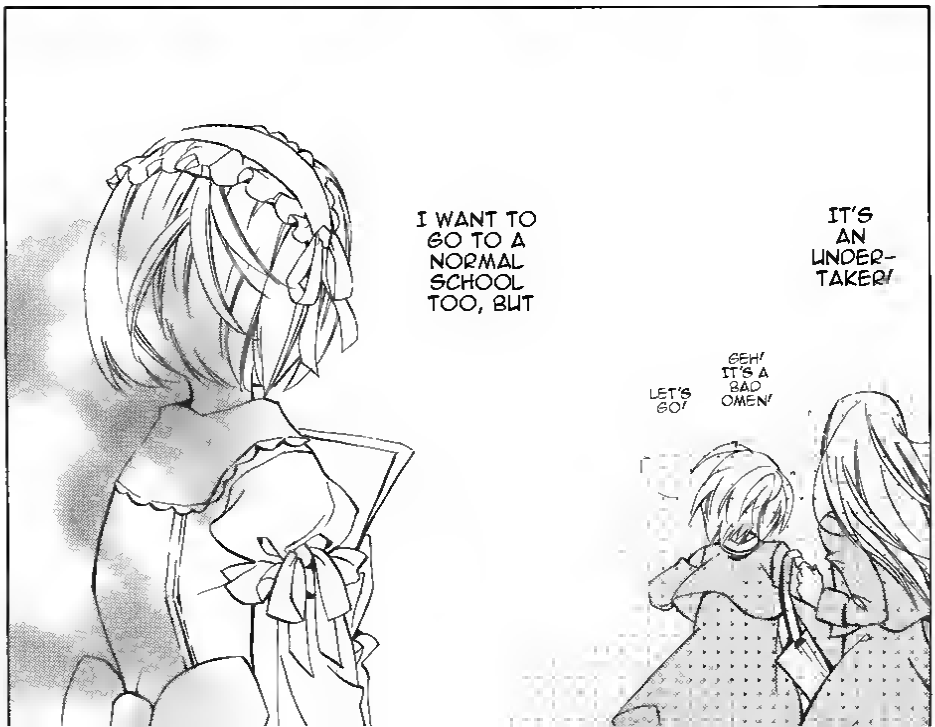
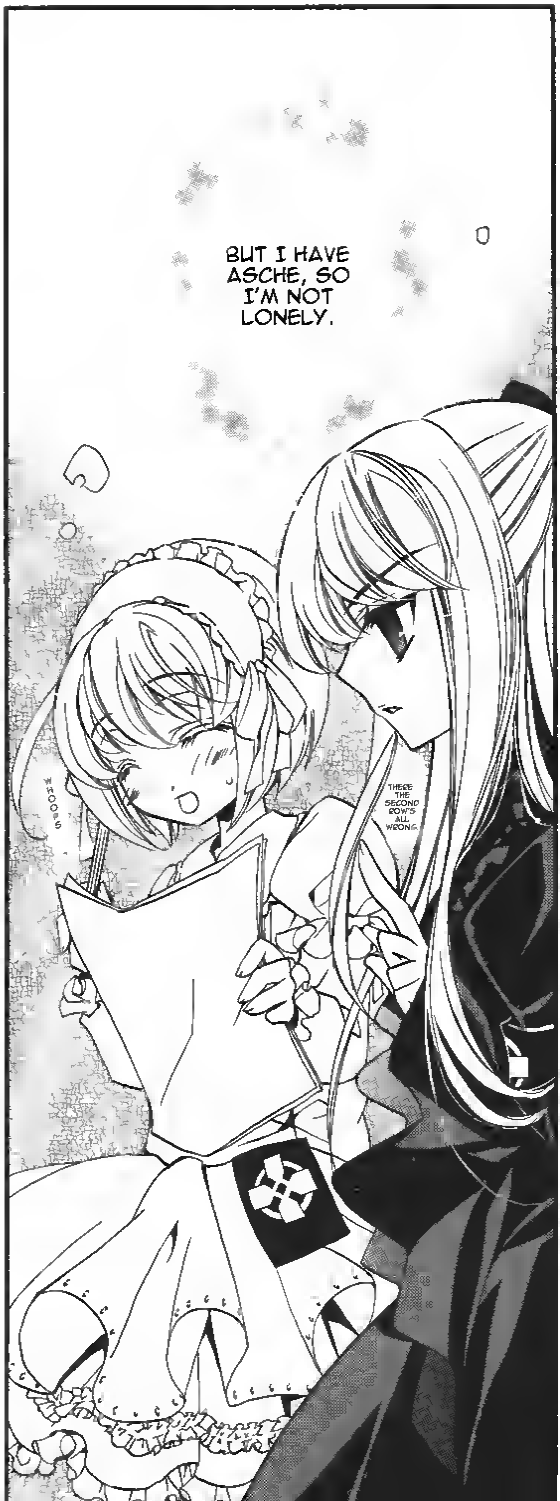
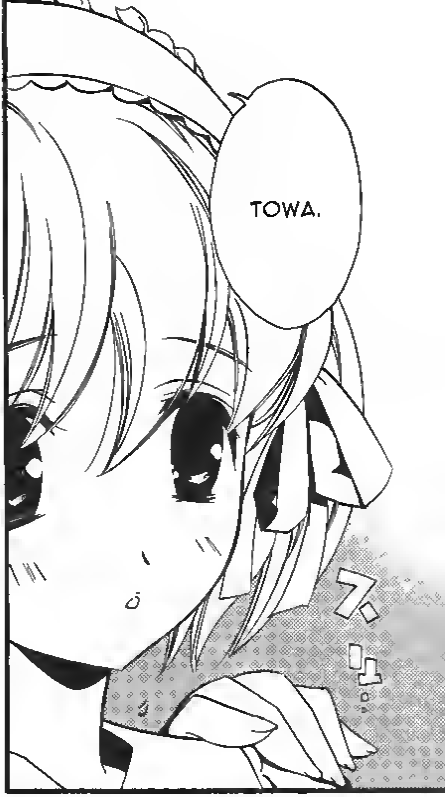
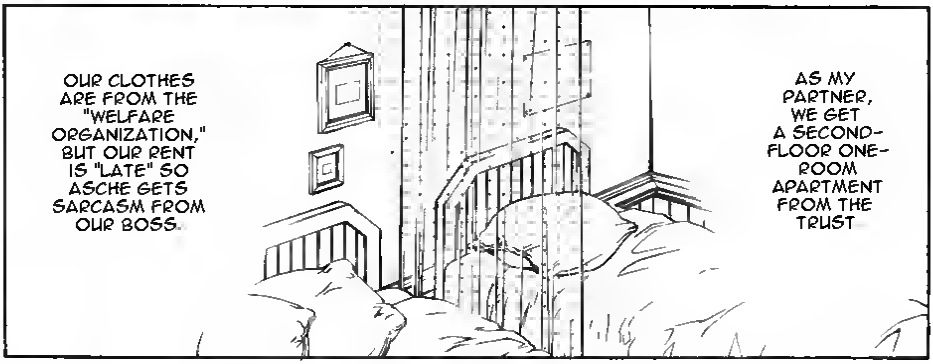

I WANT TO GO TO A NORMAL SCHOOL TOO, BUT
IT'S AN UNDER-TAKER!
GEH! IT'S A BAD OMEN!
LET'S GO!

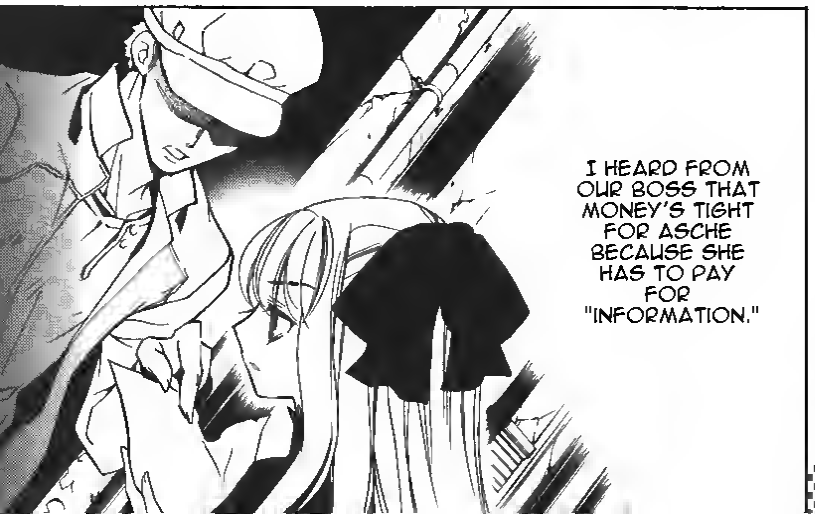

BUT I HAVE ASCHE, SO I'M NOT LONELY.
THERE THE SECOND BOY'S ALL WRONG.


TOWA.

AAAH! YE-YES!
YOUR HAND IT STOPPED

SHE'S WAY MORE RESPONSIBLE THAN ME, AND HAS AN ADULT FACE
ASCHE SHOULD BE THE SAME AGE AS ME, BUT...


OUR CLOTHES ARE FROM THE "WELFARE ORGANIZATION," BUT OUR RENT IS "LATE" SO ASCHE GETS SARCASM FROM OUR BOSS.
AS MY PARTNER, WE GET A SECOND-FLOOR ONE-ROOM APARTMENT FROM THE TRUST


I HEARD FROM OUR BOSS THAT MONEY'S TIGHT FOR ASCHE BECAUSE SHE HAS TO PAY FOR "INFORMATION."
MONEY'S TIGHT FOR ME BECAUSE I HAVE TO PAY "TUITION," BUT
I THINK WE'RE RELYING ON YOU
IT'S MY HOBBY, SO HOHO-HO~!!

SHE'S LOOKING FOR THE "THORN WITCH."

BUT
IF ASCHE IS LOOKING FOR ONE THEN THEY MUST BE REAL.
THORN WITCH I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THAT IS
I THOUGHT "WITCHES" WERE ONLY IN PICTURE BOOKS...
...HEY, WHAT'S A "THORN WITCH?"
IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS, TOWA--!

"NONE OF MY BUSINESS"...
OH!
YOU'RE SMALL TODAY TOO, TOWAKKO!
EH...
AH-UM...
KH...

P...
POST-MAN!!
YE~S, I'VE COME FOR COLLE-CTION!
COLLE-CTION... A...AH
THAT'S RIGHT, MY HOMEWORK! I STILL HAVEN'T FINISHED...
AU! I'M SORRY! I'M SORRY!
HUH, AGAIN? YOU WERE LATE LAST TIME TOO...
HEH HEH...

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EEEE~H!?
POSTMAN!
OOKAY, AS PUNISHMENT, I'LL MAKE YOUR CHEST GET BIGGER!

SCARY MEAN EYES~
AND I ONLY CAME HERE TO DO MY JOB...
じゃっ
I WON'T LET YOU CONTINUE THIS FARCE IN FRONT OF ME ANY LONGER!
WA! ASCHE!!

I HAVE A LOT OF DELIVERIES TO MAKE TODAY, SO I'LL COME BACK LATER.
I'M SORRY! I'M SORRY! IT'S BECAUSE I'M SLOW...
YEAH, WELL I KIND OF OVERDID IT WITH THE TEASING...
IT'S FINE.
SEE YA~!

THE "LETTERS" WE DELIVER ARE FROM PEOPLE WHO AREN'T AROUND ANYMORE
THE MAIL THAT THE POSTMAN DELIVERS IS DIFF-ERENT...
THOSE PEOPLE WERE REALLY MAD BACK THEN...
DON'T TOUCH HER.

WHAT!? SUCH FOOLISH-NESS...
IT'S THE MAIN HOUSE'S FORTUNE!
...I...
I DIDN'T...
THIS IS THE LAST WILL LEFT TO OUR ORGANIZATION BY HER HUSBAND.
"ALL OF MY PROPERTY GOES TO MY 'WIFE' AND 'DAUGHTER'..."
カッカッ!
WE RELAT-IVES WILL NEVER ACCEPT THIS!
...THAT THIS GLORIFIED MAID WOULD BE HIS "WIFE"!?

.....
TOWA.
HURRY AND DELIVER IT...
...B-BUT...
TOWA!
.....
THE FINAL REQUEST LEFT TO US.
REGARDLESS OF HOW OR WHERE, WE WILL DEFINITELY OBSERVE AND ENFORCE IT
HERE...
IN THE NAME OF THE CRADLE LAST TRUST...

THE WIFE... SHE SEEMED SO SAD...

AND THAT FINAL REQUEST THAT MADE EVERYONE SO ANGRY...

EVEN THOUGH THERE'S NOBODY LEFT TO CARRY IT OUT...

...PERHAPS WE'RE COMPLETELY UNNEC-CESSARY.
"THE DEAD DON'T SPEAK"...
I WON'T SAY THAT.
WHO DECIDED THAT SIMPLY BEING ALIVE WAS SUCH A GREAT THING?

SOMETIMES, ASCHE

AS IF SHE'S REMEMBERING SOMETHING,

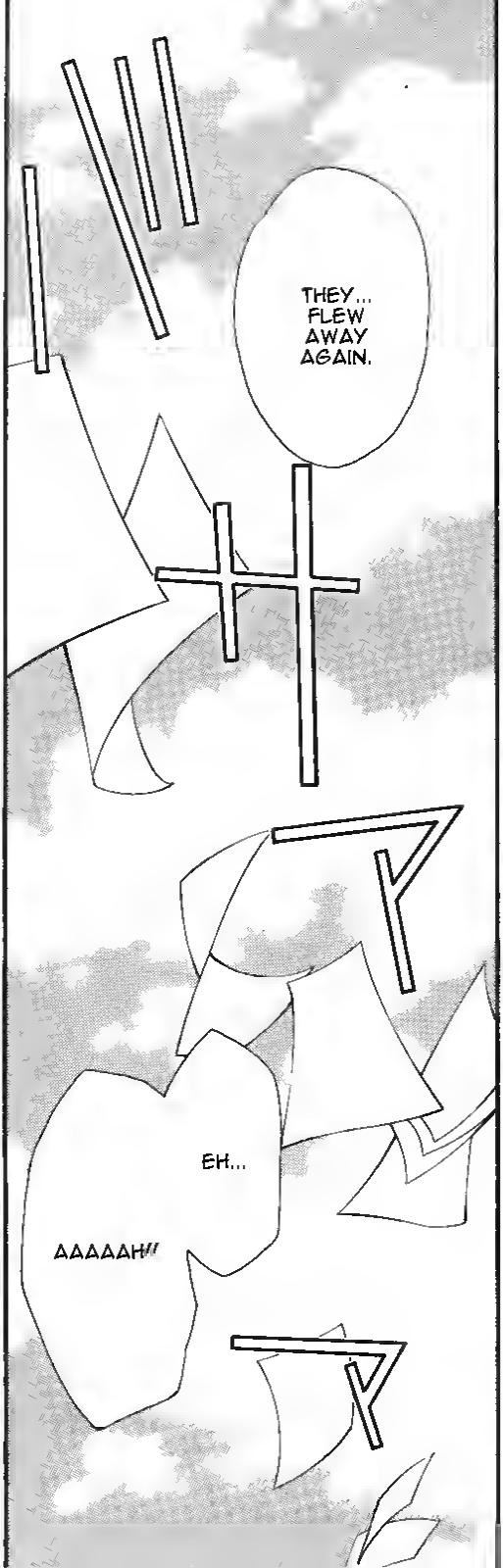
HER EYES LOOK SO SAD.

AT TIMES LIKE THAT,

THEY SEEM LIKE CRYSTALS DISTORTING A REFLECTION.

YES, THAT'S RIGHT.

I STILL DON'T HAVE MUCH
TO BE SO GROWN UP AT 15, I WONDER HOW ASCHE WAS WHEN SHE WAS LITTLE...
PRIDE IN MY WORK, BUT
LET'S HURRY, WE STILL HAVE TO GIVE THE REPORT
Y- YES!
..E- EH..



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HONESTLY... IT'S LIKE I HAVE A JOB HANDING OUT FLYERS...
AA~H...
THIS...
HERE YOU GO!

TH...
THANK
YOU...
...EH...
くるっ

TOWA...
ILLUMINATED BY LIFE AND DEATH, A TINY LIGHT...
死と生が灯した、小さな光——
THIS IS OUR JOB...
AAAH! A-AGAIN!?
HELLO! THE POSTMAN RETU-RNS!
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あなたの支えになってますか…？
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Letter 2.

DON'T SHOW YOUR FACES HERE AGAIN!!
YOU FAKE UNDER-TAKERS!!

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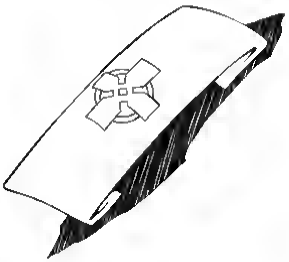
...IT'S FINE SINCE WE CAN ENFORCE IT EVEN WITHOUT GOING...
...AND WE CAN EASILY LEAVE THE REST TO THE BANKERS...

BUT THAT "LAST WILL" WE JUST DELIVERED REALLY SHOOK THAT MAN UP...
THAT WAS SCARY

NOT BEAUTIFUL AT ALL

WE CAME TO TAKE CARE OF THINGS BEFORE THE BANKERS ARRIVED
I EXPECTED THE BEREAVED TO GET ANGRY
BUT IT'S FINE TO LET HIM DO WHAT HE WANTS
EH?
ASCHE REALLY IS AMAZING
EVEN AGAINST AN ADULT, SHE'S NOT AFRAID AT ALL
I DIDN'T EXPECT THAT
WE'RE UNDER-TAKERS.
W-WAIT!
WE HAVE ONE MORE CASE TO HANDLE TODAY
I'LL LEAVE YOU BEHIND IF YOU JUST STAY THERE

AND CARRY OUT THAT WISH.



.....
I SAY THAT, BUT WE DELIVER THE "LAST WILLS" LEFT BEHIND BY OUR CLIENTS.

I DON'T THINK I REALLY UNDERSTAND OUR "JOB" YET

THERE ARE ALL KINDS OF GRIEVING PEOPLE ...

CRADLE LAST TRUST

AT FIRST, I THOUGHT EVERYONE WE DELIVERED THEM TO WOULD BE HAPPY.

BUT THAT WASN'T THE CASE AT ALL ...

IS THIS OKAY FOR THE REPORT, BOSS?
HUH...?
HUH...? I LEFT IT AROUND HERE...
AAH
OKAY OKAY, IT'S FINE GOOD JOB
SAY THAT AFTER READING IT
THE CHANCES OF MINE HAVING ERRORS IS HIGHER SO THERE'S NO POINT
BUT COMPARED TO ASTARTE'S REPORTS,

UM- SORRY, BUT I CAN'T FIND YESTERDAY'S REPORT
UMM
AH HUH-?
AND WHEN YOU COMPARE IT TO TOWA-TAN.
AAH, I DON'T KNOW— THE ONE THAT ASTARTE SPENT ALL NIGHT WRITING HAS VANISHED!
I I'LL LOOK AGAIN!
UM- SORRY ASCHE UM.
I'LL DEFINITELY FIND IT SO JUST WAIT THERE!

IT'S FINE
I'LL GO
ALONE
EH!?
WAIT..!
I- I'M SORRY
IT'S EASIER
TO DO IT
ALONE,
SO..
I SEE.

パタン!
GOOD LUCK~
CLUMSY
AAH, THAT'S RIGHT TOWA-TAN
SOME MORE MAIL CAME FROM "SCHOOL" AGAIN

BOSS
IF I MAKE HER CRY, I'M AFRAID SHE WON'T BE... HAPPEN NEXT
I
BECAUSE OF YOUR FAILING MARKS, THE ADDITIONAL FINE IS 6000G.
IT BACKFIRED...
AAH, WHEN YOU LOOK AT ME WITH THOSE EYES...
I KINDA WANT TO SAY "YEAH," BUT I KINDA DON'T
REALLY AM USELESS HUH...
MM...
NO HELP TO ASCHE, AM I...
I REALLY AM...

WORK OR STUDYING ASCHE CAN DO ANYTHING
BUT I'M THE SAME AGE AS HER, AND I CAN'T...
DO ANYTHING...
BUT IF SHE HEARD THAT, SHE'D DEFINITELY
GO
"YOU WEREN'T PREPARED FOR THIS, SO WHY NOT QUIT? NOT BEAUTIFUL AT ALL."
"IT DOESN'T MATTER TO ME WHETHER YOU'RE HERE OR NOT."
AHAHA! THAT SOUNDS JUST LIKE HER!
...SHE'D DEFINITELY SAY THAT...
AH... SORRY...
JUST LIKE HER, I SEE...

THEN WHY ARE YOU WORKING HERE TOWA-TAN?
WELL...
HMM.
カッ カッ カッ
...THAT'S

PURE WHITE...

CAN I HELP AT ALL?
UM...

AAH
YES, SHE'S CURED
HEY BUT HER MEMORY
AND THE DONATIONS
EH YOU THE HOSPITAL ROOM
WAIT NOT THAT GIRL
HEY
UM
AH!
I CAN HELP
HEY
UM
I- IT'S FINE
YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO ANYTHING AT ALL

YOU'RE NOT SICK ANYMORE SO
SENSEI
THAT'S RIGHT,T YOU CAN DO WHATEVER YOU LIKE..
SENSEI
WE'LL HAVE CANDY BROUGHT TO YOUR ROOM TOO
DO YOU WANT A PICTURE BOOK?
WHAT IS MY NAME?

...AH
AAH, THAT'S RIGHT.
UM.
JUST THINK OF THIS HOSPITAL AS YOUR HOME, AND LIVE HERE HOWEVER YOU PLEASE...
IF THERE'S ANYTHING YOU WANT, WE'LL BUY IT FOR YOU.
YOU'RE NOT SICK ANYMORE.
EVEN THOUGH I'M NOT SICK...
IT'S "TOWA"-CHAN
TOWA-CHAN
I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE MY HOME IS?

I CAME TO KNOW ALL SORTS OF THINGS.
IT'S BYE-BYE TIME NOW.
BEH? TOWAA~
AS TIME PASSED, I LEARNED THAT BECAUSE OF MY "AMNESIA,"
SOMEONE WAS GIVING THE HOSPITAL "MASSIVE DONATIONS" SO I GOT "SPECIAL TREATMENT."
BUT I DIDN'T FEEL LIKE THERE WAS ANYTHING WRONG AT ALL
YOU REALLY SHOULDN'T COME TO THE HOSPITAL ANYMORE
MM— SEE YOU LATER.
THAT'S WHAT THEY MEANT BY "NOTHING AT ALL."
SO LIGHT
THOSE QUIET PURE WHITE DAYS...
READ TO US AGAIN~
YE~S!
BYE BY~E!

A BLACK FEATHER.

"TOWA"

WELL,
I THOUGHT I'D GO TO A PLACE WHERE THERE WEREN'T ANY PEOPLE. BUT
I REALLY DON'T LIKE BEING FOLLOWED.
OI OI, ARE YOU REALLY SAYING
WE SHOULD DO THIS KID, BOSS..?

I'M NOT A KID.
A KID'S STILL JUST A KID. IF WE SCARE HER A LITTLE...
SHE'LL FEEL LIKE DOING WHAT WE SAY.
HEHE, WELL NOW...
AND WE'RE GOING AGAINST ONE OF THOSE HYENA UNDERTAKERS...
WHAAT...
I'M NOT A VIRGIN EITHER.
EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE A VIRGIN. !!
ALRIGHT THEN.

I THOUGHT SHE WAS A BEAUTIFUL GIRL...
THAT'S NOT IT...
LIKE A FOREIGN IDOL.
TOWA!
TOWA—

COME WITH ME

I DON'T KNOW EITHER.
WHY ARE YOU HERE?
THE OUTSIDE WORLD IS FILLED WITH SCARY THINGS
BUT DESPITE THAT, I WANT TO BE WITH YOU.

I'LL GO GET HER AFTER ALL...
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EH... I GUESS I CAN'T STOP YOU.
OH WELL.
BRING THE FIRST-AID KIT
I WAS SCARED, BUT SHE HELD MY HAND...
ASCHE...

WHY YOU...
TOWA?
TOWA...
ASCHE...
THAT PERSON WAS...
SHIT... I'LL REMEMBER THIS...!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "WHY"...
ASCHE, YOU'RE HURT...
EH?
WHY DID YOU COME HERE...
フッ

WHA
I STILL CAN'T DO ANYTHING MORE THAN THIS BUT
I'LL DISINFECT IT, AND THEN... A BAND-AID.
ONE DAY, I'LL BE YOUR...

I'LL WORK HARD, SO...
WAIT...
PUTTING IT ON MY FACE I'M NOT A CHILD...
NOPE! BUT YOU'RE PRETTY, ASCHE!
NO, THAT'S NOT IT.
THAT TIME,
I THOUGHT SHE WAS SO BEAUTIFUL AND SAD.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO...
DO ANYTHING...!

SO LONG AS WE CAN BE TOGETHER, IT'S FINE ..
THEIR PAST, AND A MYSTERIOUS FIGURE...
BUT I WONDER IF YOU WILL EVER FORGIVE ME...
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GIRLS WHO DELIVER THE LAST WILL
WE WORK AS UNDER-TAKERS.
TOGETHER WITH THE BELLS OF MOURNING, DESCENDING FROM SOME FAR-OFF PLACE,
"BEAUTIFUL ANGELS OF DEATH."
KYAFU ☆
DON'T SLEEP!
AH! S-SORRY,
ASCHE ..

COLLECTION TI-ME!
TOO BAD!
I'M NOT TSURIME-CHA~N'
POSTMAN-SAN!
SO YOU'RE STILL NOT DONE, HUH.
HOMEWORK FROM THAT CORRE-SPONDENCE SCHOOL
TH-THAT'S RIGHT!!
THAT'S WEIRD
AND I HAD FINISHED IN MY DREAM...
THAT'S WEIRD
SO YOU DID~
BUT THAT WAS A DREAM!

HUH... WHERE'S ASCHE?
.....
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NO IT'S JUST AN ERRAND.
AH... I SEE...
DON'T BE SO DOWN...
PLEASE STOP THAT!
カチャ
IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR ASCHE SHE STEPPED OUT TO BUY SOME STAMPS.
EH... ALONE?
COULD YOU GUYS KILL ME?
...
HEY,

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PLEASE... SOMEONE... SOMEBODY!
GIVE IT BACK!!
さっ
UWA!
スッ
STELLA
BLUM

REALLY THANK YOU SO MUCH!
I WAS FINALLY ABLE TO FIND THIS BOOK AT AN ANTIQUE BOOKSTORE
I WAS IN SUCH A BIND I HAD LOOKED IN 27 STORES
.....

AH BUT I WAS ABLE TO GET THIS LAST STORE TO FIND IT FOR ME IT'S SO
HAA- FROM NOW ON MY LIFE
SO

UM!
THANK YOU!
I'M LINNA, LINNA GREGORIO!

HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO FOLLOW ME?

UM! BECAUSE! I WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR HELPING ME—
かぁぁぁ!
IT'S NOTHING
MY FOOT JUST SLIPPED AND WENT INTO THAT GUY'S PATH
AAH!
SUCH COOL WORDS YOU'RE WONDERFUL! TOO WONDERFUL!!
WHAT SHOULD I DO...
AAH, IT'S THE FIRST TIME—

I'VE FALLEN IN LOVE WITH YOU!!
A-ND THA-T'S WHY...
I'M ASKING YOU..... TO KILL ME.
ARE YOU GUYS SERIOUSLY LISTENING TO ME!?
Y-YES!
HAA.
HAA...

I'M SORRY, BUT ARE YOU DRUNK?
THE KILLERS ARE THREE BUILDINGS DOWN, ON THE FOURTH FLOOR
I KNOW THAT! YOU'RE UNDERTAKERS RIGHT? YOU DELIVER FINAL MESSAGES RIGHT?
SO I WANT YOU TO ACT LIKE I'M DEAD,
AND DELIVER MY "FINAL MESSAGE."
AAH, IT'S NOT LIKE I HAVE A LOT OF MONEY LEFT, BUT...
AH IT'S FINE SO AS TO NOT GET CAUGHT, I WAS THINKING ABOUT GOING FAAR AWAY FROM THIS TOWN.
KIND OF LIKE A FLOWER WITHOUT ROOTS, YOU KNOW?
A FAKE... LAST WILL ...

THIS PLACE HAS A NICE NAME
CRADLE
LAST TRUST
BUT...
WELL,
AS I WAS JUST PASSING BY HERE...
I WONDERED IF IT WAS OKAY TO ASK YOU GUYS...
IT'S FINE, IT'S NOT UNUSUAL
BOSS...
AND WHO DO YOU WANT US TO DELIVER TO?
HM...
I LOOK THIS YOUNG AND BEAUTIFUL,
BUT I ACTUALLY HAVE A KID.

A MOTHER... HUH...
I LEFT HER WITH SOME RELATIVES RIGHT AFTER SHE WAS BORN...
I WAS YOUNG, TOO... WELL, THERE WERE ALL KINDS OF PROBLEMS
.....
AND THAT KID!
Y-YES!
SHE'S HIGH-CLASS... WAS IT? EVEN SKIPPED GRADES ALL THE WAY UP TO COLLEGE!
SHE'S NOTHING LIKE ME, FLAT-CHESTED AND REALLY SMART!
THAT'S THE FACE OF A "MOTHER."

SHE REALLY LOOKS LIKE THAT PERSON
WELL, I WANTED TO GIVE THIS TUITION MONEY TO HER PARENTS,
I SCRAPED IT TOGETHER, YOU KNOW?
... AND THAT'S ABOUT IT.
SHE WON'T EVEN SHOW ME HER F CE.
SO, SHE WON'T C- CEPT IT.
BUT, I DON'T HAVE ANY RE L JOB...

IT'S JUST LIKE I "DIED."
"SO YOU COULD ACCEPT THIS MONEY" OR SOMETHING
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CUT IT OUT ALREADY
IF YOU BECOME CONCERNED WITH AN UNDERTAKER, YOU'LL BE ENTRANCED BY DEATH.

HM...
BUT RIGHT NOW, I'VE TAKEN A POISON SWEETER THAN DEATH, IN OTHER WORDS, LOVE!
AAH! THAT POETIC WAY OF TALKING IS WONDERFUL!!
THAT SOMEONE AS BEAUTIFUL AS YOU COULD EXIST...
.....
THAT WAS THE WORST SIN OF MY LIFE!
I'VE BEEN TOLD THAT UNDERTAKERS ARE A BAD OMEN, SO I'VE NEVER REALLY LOOKED AT ONE UNTIL NOW. BUT
"LOVE" AND "BEAUTY." THOSE AREN'T WORDS THAT SHOULD COME FROM YOUR MOUTH SO EASILY

SORRY...
AH...
SO I'M SORRY... YOU MUST HATE BEING LIKED BY SOMEONE LIKE ME...
AH...
UM- I'VE NEVER... BEEN IN LOVE OR ANYTHING BEFORE...
EH...
THAT'S RIGHT. I'LL BECOME EVEN UGLIER IF I CRY, RIGHT!
IT'S NOT REALLY ANYTHING TO CRY ABOUT...

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THAT'S NOT IT...
THAT'S OKAY
AHA— IF I WAS EVEN AS PRETTY AS THE NAIL ON YOUR PINKY FINGER...
I WOULDN'T BE SO DEATHLY AFRAID TO MEET THAT PERSON

ARE YOU REALLY ALRIGHT?
YOU'RE NOT LOST?
THEY SAY YOU'RE AN ANGEL OF DEATH BUT I CAME ALONG SINCE YOU'RE JUST A KID
HOW ABOUT GOING THE REST OF THE WAY ON YOUR OWN? CUZ I'M DEAD
BUT THE MAP IS SO DIRTY
IT'S FINE! I'M A PRO!
EVEN IF ASCHE ISN'T HERE, I HAVE TO DO MY BEST!

LIM...
NO...
I C N'T TELL HER THAT I CAN'T.. REMEM- BER.
...
WHERE'S YOUR MOTHER?

LIM...
THE CIRCUM- STANCES DON'T MAT- TER!
IF YOU HAVE ONE, YOU SHOULD BE
WITH HER.
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BECAUSE WHEN YOU'RE STILL A GIRL...
IT'S LIKE YOU'RE INSIDE AN EGG.
THOUGH THAT'S NOT SOMETHING FOR ME TO BE SAYING!

THE DEAD LADY'S DEPARTING
YOU SEEM LIKE AN UNRELIABLE ANGEL OF DEATH BUT
WELL THEN, I'M COUNTING ON YOU!
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WOMEN GIRLS CAN DO ANYTHING WHEN THEY NEED TO!
BYEBY-E!

YOU CAN'T.
LIM...
...
BUT
NO.
LIM!

I DON'T THINK YOU SHOULD!
TOWA'S VOICE...
EH...
I HAVE TO GO...

ONE MORE TIME
WHY NOT TRY TALKING TO YOUR DAUGHTER ONE MORE TIME!

IT'S IMPOS-SIBLE.

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Fashion artwork
...
THAT PERSON
...

IF YOU DO SEE HER ... ONE MORE TIME,
AND EXPLAIN TO HER, I THINK... SHE'LL DEFINITELY UNDERSTAND

WITHOUT PRETENDING YOU'RE DEAD,
EVEN WITHOUT DELIVERING THIS "LAST WILL."
I THINK SHE'LL ACCEPT THE MONEY.

YOU'RE SO "FEMI-NINE."
I CAN'T TAKE OFF MY GLASSES AND MY NOSE IS FLAT
MY CHEST IS SMALL, AND MY FACE IS SO PLAIN,
BUT
NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I GO TO SEE HER,
SHE WON'T EVEN LEAVE ROOM.
NO...

THAT PERSON... I DON'T LOOK LIKE HER AT ALL...
YOU SHOULD NEVER LET THEM GO
PRECIOUS THINGS
REALLY

DON'T RESEMBLE HER AT ALL..
I... REALLY
OH MY.
I'M ..
TO THINK OF SOME-THING SO... STUPID..
YOU'RE BOTH VERY MUCH ALIKE.
TO KEEP HIDING BECAUSE OF THAT, YOU'RE SUCH
DUMMIES

ASCHE...
TOWA.

LHM...
THAT GIRL IS...
WHAT A... COINCI-DENCE...

AT THAT TIME, I SHOULD HAVE BEEN HAPPY FOR THOSE TWO, BUT
THAT'S RIGHT.

THAT GIRL IS... ASCHE'S FRIEND?
BUT I COULDN'T SAY IT.
MY HEAD WAS FILLED WITH THOUGHTS OF THAT.
SO I FELT LIKE SAYING SOMETHING APPROPRIATE.
THAT'S SO NICE, MOTHERS...
WITHOUT KNOWING WHAT SHE WAS THINKING.
THEIR THOUGHTS CROSS...

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UMM~
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...EEH?
NOBODY'S THERE...

OH,
AN ANGEL.
AH
THE SOUND OF A PIANO

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OUT-SIDE COLD, ISN'T IT
CRADLE LAST TRUST
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I'M BACK
WELCOME BACK
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THAT'S RIGHT!
IT FEELS LIKE IT'S GONNA SNOW
WELCOME BACK!

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YOU'RE SO THOUGHTFUL LINNA-CHAN!
NOW, BOSS AND ASCHE-SAN TOO HERE YOU GO! IT'S CAFE AU LAIT.
NO, NO…
I MADE SOMETHING WARM! DRINK UP!
WAS IT COLD!? GOOD JOB!
LINNA CHAN
YOU SHOULD SIT IN FRONT OF THE STOVE
I'M JUST SO LUCKY THAT YOU LET ME WORK HERE!
IF IT HELPS I'LL DO ANYTHING!
AND YOU BRIGHTEN UP THE OFFICE
THOUGH I'M NOT SURE IF THIS IS A JOB THAT YOU SHOULD BE BRIGHTENING UP.
IT'S IMPRESSIVE THAT YOU WANT TO WORK FOR YOUR TUITION… YOU'RE GREAT SO I HAVE NO COMPLAINTS
I'VE WANTED AN ASSISTANT FOR A WHILE NOW
AH! TOWA-SAN, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO PUT ANY SUGAR IN YOUR CAFE AU LAIT?
AH…
I DIDN'T REALLY…
IT'S ALL THANKS TO ASCHE-SAN THAT I'M SO LUCKY!

AH... SORRY... I'LL GO MAKE SOME TEA...
THAT'S OKAY!
IT'S FINE!
UUM...
TOWA, YOU
DON'T DRINK COFFEE, RIGHT?
IT'S FINE ...
ANYWAYS, TOWAKKO
DID YOU MEET THE CLIENT AT THE ASIA DISTRICT APARTMENTS?
BITTER...

AH
IT LOOKED LIKE IT WAS EMPTY
I SEE
I GUESS I'LL HAVE YOU GO BACK ANOTHER DAY THEN
THAT'S NOT A NEIGHBORHOOD THAT A GIRL SHOULD BE ALONE IN AFTER DARK.
I SUPPOSE IT'S NO GOOD FOR TOWA TO TRY AND COLLECT THE LAST WILL ON HER OWN.
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I UNDERSTAND
……
TOMORROW, I'LL GO TOO…
I'M FINE BY MYSELF!
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IT'S OKAY, EVEN I...
...
UMM...
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FIFTH FLOOR, ROOM ONE— RIGHT?
THAT'S WEIRD ...
IS THE ADDRESS WRONG?
BUT IF I GO BACK TO CRADLE ...
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COLD ...
GUESS I'LL WAIT A LITTLE WHILE...

HEY, ISN'T IT COLD OVER THERE?
HEY...
THESE ARE CHEAP APARTMENTS. SO THE PEOPLE UP THERE ALL LEFT.
YOU CAN TELL FROM THE ECHOING DOORS.
IT'S SWEET CHOCO LATE
...H, SORRY.

I CAN'T FINISH THIS IMPORTANT JOB...
HEARING THAT OVER AND OVER HURTS YOUR EARS DOESN'T IT?
AH NO...
YOUR JOB...
YOU'RE A... PIANIST?
FUFU
THEN IT'S FINE!
I'M JUST A HUMBLE THIRD-RATE COMPOSER YOU CAN CALL ME JILL
A COMPOSER...
YUP!
A TEAR-JERKING SONG OF LOST LOVE, OR A SPIRALING MELODY OF LOVE AND HATE! ♪
ALAS, MY DEAR, ♪
EVEN NOW, MY BODY IS JEALOUSLY FALLING INTO THE FIRES OF LOVE ♪
OR SOME THING

BUT
I'VE ONLY BEEN DOING THESE CHEAP PLAYS FOR A LIVING...
THANK YOU.
I STILL HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO COMPOSE MY ESSENTIAL "COMPOSITION"

UWAA~ LOOKS LIKE IT'S GONNA SNOW...

ARE YOU GOING TO GO OUT IN THIS WEATHER, TOWA-SAN?
YEAH... IT'S BEEN EMPTY THIS WHOLE TIME, SO...
THAT'S TOO BAD. TAKE CARE
YEAH...
YOU TOO, LINNA
IT MUST BE HARD COMING ALL THE WAY OUT HERE EVERY DAY
IT'S OKAY! EVERYONE'S NICE, AND THE WORK IS FUN!
AND TO TOP IT OFF,
I'M ABLE TO TAKE IN THE SCENT OF MY BELOVED ASCHE EVERY DAY
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MY BELOVED ASCHE-SAN
I'M...
LEAVING!

I...
WONDER IF...
TOWA-SAN HATES ME...
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……
SHE'S JUST BEING UNREASONABLE
NOT BEAUTIFUL AT ALL
BUT...
WHY
IS SHE BEING SO PURPOSEFULLY COLD...?

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AH
MUST BE SOMETHING REALLY BOTHERING YOU
FOR YOU NOT TO CHEER UP EVEN WITH CHOCOLATE
EEEEH!?
IT'S INTERFERING WITH MY COMPOSING, YOU KNOW!
LOVE TROUBLES.
EH

AAH! I'M SORRY! I'M SORRY!
I'LL WIPE IT UP...
THAT'S OKAY
NO, I'LL GET IT!
REALLY?
HAHA, YOU DON'T HAVE TO DENY IT SO MUCH
I'D BE HAPPY TO ACCEPT A HINT FOR MY MUSIC...
WELL?
WHAT'S THE FEELING?
I SAID THAT WASN'T IT!
AND HERE I WAS THINKING ABOUT GIVING YOU SECONDS
EEH...
AH, SOME CHOCOLATE SPILLED UNDER THE PIANO...
AAH,

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I SAID
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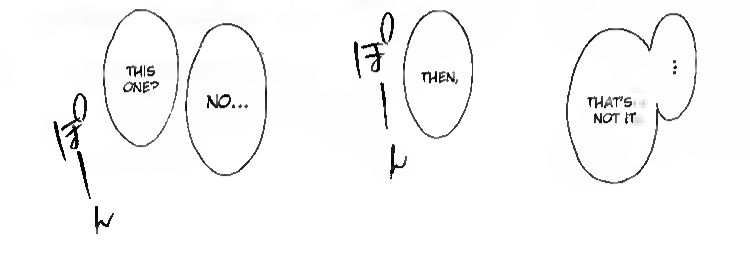
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NO.
THIS SOUND
THAT'S WRONG
LIKE RUSTLING SILK,
LIKE THE FIRST SNOW ABOUT TO MELT IN THE PALM OF YOUR HAND
THAT VOICE
LIKE THE SOUND OF MORNING BELLS,

IT'S NOT SPARKLING OR ANYTHING.
BUT I THOUGHT IT WOULD ALWAYS BE JUST THE TWO OF US.
AND ASCHE IS A GIRL.
IT'S NOT THE LEAST BIT WARM...
WHEN I'M IN FRONT OF THAT GIRL, I JUST BECOME AWFUL.
THOSE ARE THORNS.
WHAT A VAGUE MEMORY—
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キュッ
SO THAT'S—
NO,
IT'S NOT LOVE— OR ANYTHING—

TOWA'S AT THE ASIAN DISTRICT A-PARTMENTS AGAIN?
SHE'S BEEN GONE FOR A WEEK

IT JUST HURTS...

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AND THE CLIENT SPECIFIED THAT IT WAS URGENT, TOO…
FIFTH FLOOR ROOM ONE-SAN
ARE YOU THERE…
IF YOU'RE NOT… I WONDER IF I'LL GET SOME MORE CHOCOLATE TODAY…

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SORRY

I KNEW THAT YOU WERE AN "ANGEL OF DEATH."
BUT, SOMEHOW,
I WANTED YOU TO WAIT UNTIL I WAS ABLE TO...
SORRY FOR LYING TO YOU...

TOWA.
!!
ASCHE...
きゃっ…

I SAID I'D COME HERE BY MYSELF...
LET'S GO TOGETHER.
...BUT-
LET'S GO TOGETHER.

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FIRST FLOOR ...
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SECOND FLOOR ...
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THIRD FLOOR
AND THEN ...
IN FAR-OFF ASIAN COUNTRIES ...
"FOUR" IS A NUMBER THAT MEANS "DEATH."
SO IT'S HATED...

BUT SOMEHOW,
THANKS TO YOU, IT WAS BLOWN TO ME...
THANKS FOR MAKING ME RE-MEMBER IT.
THESE
WORST MEMORIES OF MINE...
SOMEONE,
WHO SHOULD I LEAVE THEM TO?
HOW DO I CONVEY THEM

THE FAMILY I LEFT IN MY HOME-TOWN,
LOVERS ...
NO, THAT'S NOT IT ...
OFFERED MY EVERY-THING,
AND SNATCHED IT ALL AWAY.
WHEN I THINK ABOUT IT, IT HURTS SO MUCH...

MORE BELOVED THAN ANYTHING ELSE,
TO THAT PERSON.
... SOME-HOW,

SO...
NEXT IS
THE FIFTH FLOOR
THERE IS NO "FOURTH FLOOR"
AND HERE,

SOME-
HOW
...

NEXT TIME, A SUDDEN DEVELOPMENT... !!
SOMEHOW, DELIVER THEM...
TO THE GODDESS OF MUSIC...
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CRADLE LAST TRUST

我々 クレイドル鎮魂協会の名において―

あなたが わたしを埋めつくす

死者からの言葉を届ける葬儀屋の少女、十和とアスタルテ。
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互いの存在を感じる。華麗なるネオ・ゴシックロマンス、ここに登場。

TRANS: DARK LORD ZENIGAME
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WE'RE RECRUITING TYPESETTERS/CLEANERS FOR VARIOUS PROJECTS!! VISIT US AT WWW.SUGOOI.ORG/ TO FIND OUT DETAILS! ALSO VISIT HTTP://HOROBINOMICHI.BLOGSPOT.COM/ SINCE THE STAFF OVER THERE PROVIDED THE TRANS AND HELP WITH ADDITIONAL TRANS IF NEEDED. =) ENJOY~ BACK TO DOING HOMEWORK T_T

様々な思惑が交差する…新章に突入!!
ENDLESS, CLOSE TO A PLACE WHICH WAS NEITHER HEAVEN NOR PURGATORY,
IN THE BACK, YOU'LL FALL IF YOU TAKE ONE WRONG STEP.
NOTHING...
A PLACE WITH NOTHING AT ALL...
....
I'M SORRY.
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WITH MOURNING EYES
NOT KNOWING FROM
WHERE THEY D[illegible] GENDER,

TWO BEAUTIFUL YOUNG
GIRLS.
IS THIS HEAVEN,
OR IS IT .

硝音あや

Aya Syoondo

任務執行中の二人の前に…

WE'VE COME FROM THE GARLAND LAST TRUST.
letter 5 lineage
...EH?

HUH?
UNDERTAKERS ...?
WHY TODAY...

CRADLE? AS IF I'D KNOW SUCH A RUIN-DOWN PLACE!
CALM DOWN, ESCA
HEY! WHAT'S GOING ON!?
THIS MUST BE SOME KIND OF JOKE, HAVING TWO LAST WILLS!
CRADLE LAST TRUST

AND YOU PEOPLE ARE?
I DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND, BUT I'M SORRY!
I'M SORRY! I'M SORRY!
IT'S NOT SOMETHING TO APOLOGIZE FOR.
WE JUST HAVE THE SAME DESTINATION.
YOU'RE SAYING THAT YOU-DON'T-KNOW-US!?
US?!

HEE~
...SO THERE ARE EVENTS LIKE THAT...
WE WON BY A HUGE MARGIN AT THE PREVIOUS LAST TRUST OLYMPICS!
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I'M SHIKI, FROM GARLAND.
THIS IS ESCADA. PLEASE CALL HER "ESCA."
AH!
HEY...

NICE TO MEET YOU, TOWA.
ASTARTE.
... TALL...
ASTARTE
.....
AH,
I'M TOWA.

I...!
EH?
DON'T ACT SO FAMILIAR!!
NICE TO MEET YOU, ESCA!

WHY HIDE IT, I HAVE A HISTORY I'M ESCADA DEL REY, THE DAUGHTER OF THE DEL REY COUNTSHIP!
I WON'T TOLERATE BEING REFERRED TO IN SUCH A MANNER BY SOME TINY COMMONER SUCH AS YOURSELF!
TINY...
DEL REY.
HEE~ WHAT WOULD CAUSE THE DAUGHTER OF THE COUNT TO BE WORKING AS AN UNDER-TAKER?
MY FATHER SAID THAT IN ORDER TO BECOME A PROPER LADY,
I HAVE TO LEARN ABOUT THE WORLD, SO...
THAT IS...
I SEE, SO YOU DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH PUBLIC STUDIES!
SHUT UP!!

THEN IT'S NICE TO MEET YOU, ESCA-SAMA!
NOOO~!!
WHY ARE YOU SO STUPID!?
HONESTLY, THIS PLACE IS FILLED WITH RUDE LITTLE GIRLS
BUT WE'RE NOT THAT DIFFERENT
UMM,
THEN WHAT SHOULD I CALL YOU?
ESCADA-SAMA.
THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN CALL ME THAT
IS SHIKI.

WELL,
LET'S TALK ABOUT THE TWO LAST WILLS FROM BEFORE.
BRING OUT THE SEALED LETTER, BSCA.
TWO MONTHS AGO, WE OF GARLAND...
ACCEPTED A LAST WILL FROM THE DEPARTED HEAD OF THE "GOLDSPEAR FAMILY."
TODAY WAS THE ASSIGNED DATE OF UNSEALING AND DELIVERANCE
WE ACCEPTED OURS THREE MONTHS AND SIXTEEN DAYS AGO...
AND THE TIME WHEN IT WAS SEALED IS AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT MATTER...
BY HERSELF, TOWA...

THE DATE WHEN THE LAST WILL WAS TO BE DELIVERED...
IS THE DAY AFTER THE FUNERAL
...AH
IT'S WRONG...
DON'T WANT TO HEAR IT DON'T WANT TO HEAR IT DON'T WANT TO HEAR IT
SEE~! EH...
I KNEW YOU GUYS WERE WRONG!
S...
SO YOURS WAS A FAKE!!
I'M SORRY I'M SORRY I'M SORRY...

IT MUST HAVE BEEN FROM SOME OTHER NOBLE WHO WAS AIMING FOR THE INHERITANCE
THEY TRICKED YOU BECAUSE YOU'RE SO RUN-DOWN!
WELL, IT'S TRUE THAT WE'RE RUN-DOWN, BUT...
THEN WHY IS IT...
THAT THE MAN FROM BEFORE
ASKED "WHY TODAY..?"
THAT'S...
.....
COULD YOU SHOW ME YOUR SEALED LETTER?
OF COURSE NOT! IT'S A TRADE SECRET!!

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.....
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?
!
THIS IS OURS!!
CHECK IT OUT FOR YOURSELF.
THE SIGNATURES OF MR. GOLD-SPEAR, BOSS, AND MYSELF ARE HERE FROM WHEN IT WAS SEALED!
Gold Spear
I REMEMBER THAT HE WAS A HANDSOME OLD GENTLE-MAN.
THE SIGNATURE IS THE SAME.
AND THE NAME TOO....
OF COURSE
THE FUNERAL WAS FOR MR. GOLD-SPEAR.

AND US
THAT'S RIGHT WE DID RECIEVE OURS AFTER THEY DID, BUT...
ESCA, CAN WE SHOW THEM?
EH!?
UNLIKE YOU PEOPLE, GARLAND GETS LOTS OF HIGH-CLASS CUSTOMERS!
THAT'S WHY IT'S SEALED WITH AN ACTUAL CREST!
I'LL ALLOW IT
HERE

THIS IS A FAKE.
WHA-
THIS CREST...
.....
HE SAID THAT IT'S AN HEIRLOOM, PASSED DOWN THROUGH THE GENERATIONS FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS!

ASCHE...?
THE NOBLE BLOODLINE BEARING THIS CREST...
...DIED OUT LONG AGO.
THERE'S NO WAY THAT YOU COULD UNDERSTAND THINGS LIKE THAT!!
.....
ESCA.
BLOODLINES AND...!
...NOBILITY... AND-

Goldspear
"LANCE OF GOLD."
AND THE NAME "GOLDSPEAR" MEANS
IN OTHER WORDS...
IT'S A NAME GIVEN TO THOSE WHO PERFORMED WELL IN RECENT WARS
AND USED THEIR SPOILS TO BUY A HIGH SOCIAL POSITION.
A NAME WITH SUCH A FLASHY MEANING
IS ONE WHICH WAS CREATED RECENTLY
THAT CREST CONTRADICTS SUCH A STORY

I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW THAT SO HOW COULD YOU...
THE CONTENTS MIGHT STILL BE REAL!
WE'LL KNOW WHEN THE SEAL IS BROKEN BY A NOBLE
BREAKING A CONTRACT WITH THE DECEASED IS THE GREATEST TABOO FOR US UNDERTAKERS.
ESCA... YOU KNOW THIS, DON'T YOU?

YOU'RE SAYING THAT THEIRS IS THE REAL ONE...
AH
UMM...
NO,
ANYWAYS...

THE GARLAND LAST TRUST

OUR APOLOGIES FOR BEFORE
...
AAH,

AS WRITTEN IN OUR CONTRACT, WE'VE COME TO ENFORCE THE LAST WILL
COULD YOU OPEN THE SEAL?

"THE SUM OF 10 000 GALE WHICH I HAVE LEFT WITH THIS LAST TRUST..."
THAT'S RIGHT, THE LAST WILL...
...AAH.
WHAT, WHAT?
THANK YOU, YOUNG LADIES.
UNDERTAKERS.
YOU DO HAVE THE MONEY AS ACCORDING TO THIS CONTRACT, AM I CORRECT?

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THE COFFIN'S EMPTY!
WHA...!!
ニタ...
WE DIDN'T ACCEPT ANY MONEY
THE CONTENTS WERE SWITCHED JUST BEFORE THE SEAL!!

TCH...!
WAIT!!
HI!
YOU'RE NOT GETTING AWAY.

AH..
IT WAS FOOLISH OF YOU
TO THINK OF US AS MERE CHILDREN

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OH MY~
WELL DONE, WELL DONE!
かんら
THOUGH THE DATE OF DELIVERY WAS WRONG
FUMU, THEY TRIED TO HIDE THE FAKE FUNERAL FROM BEFORE,
THAT LAST WILL GIVES US A SUM OF 1000 GALE
LOOKS LIKE IT WAS A FRAUD RING THAT TARGETED UNDERTAKERS.
BUT AS BEFITTING OF A RUN-DOWN UNDERTAKER'S AGENCY OUR PAYMENT IS ALSO LOW.
WE WERE ALL SAVED THANKS TO TOWA'S CLUMSINESS!
EHEHE...
NOT "EHEHE~"!!

EVEN THOUGH THIS INCIDENT WAS AN INSULT TO OUR PRIDE AS ANGELS OF DEATH,
YOU THINK IT'S OKAY TO BE SO FOOLISH!?
HAA ....
YOU SHOULD HAVE MORE SELF-AWARENESS!
AH, HERE YOU GO... IT'S COFFEE.
.....
AND TOWA-SAN GETS A MILK TEA.
...I'LL HAVE A BLACK TEA.
AND YOU BETTER FILL IT WITH STRAW-BERRY JAM.

AND IF MY SHIKI WASN'T THERE THIS TIME, THE CULPRITS WOULD HAVE ESCAPED!
OH,
I DON'T SEE SHIKI-SAN ANYWHERE.
SHE'S OUTSIDE.
SHE'S PHONING IN A REPORT TO HEAD-QUARTERS.
.....
SINCE THE CASE HAS BEEN SETTLED.

BUT SHIKI-SAN STEPPED OUT QUITE A WHILE AGO
COULD SHE HAVE GOTTEN LOST BECAUSE SHE ISN'T FAMILIAR WITH THE TOWN...
MY SHIKI WOULD NEVER BE LIMITED BY SOMETHING LIKE THAT
SHIKI ALWAYS BUYS ME A GIFT OF CANDY OR FLOWERS
AND AFTER WE FINISH A JOB
SHE'S LOOKING FOR SOMETHING THAT WOULD SUIT ME IN A BACK-WATER TOWN LIKE THIS.
SO EVEN TODAY,

THAT'S RIGHT.
SHE'S MY BELOVED SHIKI.
"MY"...
SHIKI...
BE-LO..
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SHE'S ALL MINE
ISN'T SHE COOL?
I PICKED HER UP FROM AN ORPHANAGE.

DON'T CRY, ESCA.
WISER AND
CALMER THAN ANYONE.
SHE MUST HAVE SOME BLOOD FROM THE NORTHERN COUNTRIES' NOBILITY FLOWING IN HER
SHE CAUGHT MY EYE AT FIRST GLANCE,
SO I GOT PAPA TO BUY HER FOR ME
PICKED HER UP...
IT'S KIND OF STRANGE
WAS I "PICKED UP" BY ASHE?
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THE FORM DOESN'T MATTER

BECAUSE WE'RE IN LOVE
AH, WELL ..
I WOULDN'T EXPECT A CHILD LIKE YOU TO UNDERSTAND!!
NO, YOU DON'T!
I UNDERSTAND!
YES, I DO!
NO, YOU DO NOT!
WHAT WOULD SOMEONE LIKE YOU KNOW ABOUT OUR BOND...
... I DO UNDERSTAND ...

BECAUSE I LOVE ASCHE!
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... YES.

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